ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR VERIFYING CATEGORIZATION OF SERVICES USING CANONICAL SERVICE DESCRIPTION TESTS

5   The present invention provides an apparatus and method for service classification verification. The present invention makes use of canonical service description tests which designate minimum requirements for a service to be classified into a corresponding classification. Based on the canonical service
10   description tests, it can be determined whether a service that wishes to be classified into a particular classification of a taxonomy on a service broker meets the minimum requirements for that classification. Furthermore, the use of canonical service description tests ensures that all services classified into a
15   particular classification have a minimum level of functionality that will allow them to function properly when invoked.